



MAIL STOP AF
Attorney Docket No. 24795

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NIZARD et al.

Serial No.: 09/937,848 Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed: January 18, 2002 Examiner: S. Kantamneni

For: **COSMETIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING AT LEAST
ONE SUBSTANCE PROMOTING THE FORMULATION OF
CONNEXIN, USE AND METHOD OF COSMETIC TREATMENT**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official communication mailed on June 3, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period for response expired on September 3, 2004. A petition for a two-month extension of time and a check in payment thereof are being filed November 3, 2004, and this response should be considered timely filed.

Applicants submit that this amendment should be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 because the amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the claims as follows: